



Mean Value Theorem

Thm Let I be an open interval, $x_0 \in I$, $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ diff at x_0 .
 If f attains its maximum at x_0 ($f(x) \leq f(x_0)$ all $x \in I$)
 or f attains its minimum at x_0 ($f(x) \geq f(x_0)$ all $x \in I$)
 Then $f'(x_0) = 0$

Proof

Ass f is diff at x_0 and $f(x) \geq f(x_0)$ for all $x \in I$.

Assume for a contradiction $f'(x_0) > 0$.

Let $\epsilon = f'(x_0)$. We know of some $\delta > 0$, $|x - x_0| < \delta$,
 $\left| \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} - f'(x_0) \right| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$, so $\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} > 0$

This is a contradiction for $x \in I$, $x > x_0$, $|x - x_0| < \delta$.

Similarly, if $f'(x_0) < 0$, we know of some $\delta > 0$, $|x - x_0| < \delta$,
 $\frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0} < 0$, a contradiction for $x \in I$, $x < x_0$, $|x - x_0| < \delta$.

Rolle's Theorem

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, and differentiable on (a, b) .
 If $f(a) = f(b)$, then there exists $x \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(x) = 0$.

Proof Since f is continuous on $[a, b]$, there exist $x_0, y_0 \in [a, b]$ such that
 $f(x_0) \leq f(x) \leq f(y_0)$ for all $x \in [a, b]$.

If x_0, y_0 are both endpoints, $f(x_0) = f(y_0)$, so f is constant on $[a, b]$.

Otherwise, $x_0 \neq y_0 \in (a, b)$ and $f'(x) = f'(y_0) = 0$ by previous theorem.

(Generalized) Mean Value Thm

Let $f, g: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, and diff on (a, b) .

Then $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$f'(c)(g(b)-g(a)) = g'(c)(f(b)-f(a)).$$

Proof

$$\text{Let } h(x) = f(x)(g(b)-g(a)) - g(x)(f(b)-f(a))$$

$$h(a) = f(a)g(b) - g(a)f(b)$$

$$h(b) = -f(b)g(a) + g(b)f(a) = h(a)$$

So by the MVT $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that $h'(c) = 0$.

Corr Mean Value Th

Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous, and diff on (a, b) . Then $\exists c \in (a, b)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$.

Proof G'MVT with $g(x) = x$.

Cor Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be diff such that $f'(c) = 0$ for all $c \in (a, b)$. Then f is constant.

Proof Assume f is not constant. Then $\exists x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$. Then by the MVT $\exists c \in (x_1, x_2)$ such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(x_2)-f(x_1)}{x_2-x_1} \neq 0$.

Thm Let $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be an open interval and let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be differentiable. If f' is bounded, then f is uniformly continuous.

Proof

Suppose $|f'(x)| \leq M$ for all x , $M > 0$. Let $\varepsilon > 0$. (hence $\delta = \frac{\varepsilon}{M}$). Let $x, y \in I$, $|x - y| < \delta$. Then there is $z \in (x, y)$ such that $\frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} = f'(z)$, so

$$|f(y) - f(x)| = |y - x| |f'(z)| < \delta M = \varepsilon.$$

Theorem Let f be a function on $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ diff.

If $f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$, $f(y) > f(x)$ for all $y > x$ in I . (increasing)
 $\begin{matrix} f' > 0 & \Rightarrow & \text{increasing} \\ f' < 0 & \Rightarrow & \text{decreasing} \\ f' \leq 0 & \Rightarrow & \text{non-increasing} \end{matrix}$

Proof $\exists z \in (x, y)$ such that $f'(z) = \frac{f(y) - f(x)}{y - x} > 0$, so

Proof (IVT for derivatives)

Let I be an open interval, and let $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be diff. and. If $x_1 < x_2$ in I and c lies between $f'(x_1)$ and $f'(x_2)$, then there is $x \in (x_1, x_2)$ such that $f'(x) = c$.

Note! This would be true if $f': I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ were continuous. But that is not always the case; see HW. Anyway, the prop still holds (since $f'(I)$ is an interval).

Proof Assume $f'(x_1) < c < f'(x_2)$. Let $g(x) = f(x) - cx$. Then $g'(x_1) < 0 < g'(x_2)$. $g' = f' - c$.

The MVT says $x \in (x_1, x_2)$ such that $g'(x) = 0$ for all $x \in (x_1, x_2)$. Since $g'(x_1) < 0$, we can find $y \in (x_1, x_1 + \delta)$ such that $g(y) - g(x_1) < 0$, so $g(y) < g(x_1)$, and $x_0 \neq x_1$. Similarly, $x_0 \neq x_2$.
 $y = x_1$

so $f'(x_1, x_2)$ on $g'(x) = 0$, so $f'(x_0) = c$.

